GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PRICE INCREASE OF MEDICINE MEDOPAR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medicine 'Medopar' for the treatment of Parkinson syndrome is being imported in the country at very high prices;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same medicine in generic form is available in the country at much lower prices;

(c) if so, the justification in importing the same at a very high price;

(d) whether it is also a fact that recently the Government of India have increased the price of 'Medopar' by more than 68% in the Indian market; and

(e) the details of its import price and the reasons for the steep hike in its prices by the NPPA?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (e) : Madopar, used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease, is combination of Scheduled bulk drug, namely, Levodopa with non-Scheduled bulk drug Benzerazide and is imported. Its import price has registered increase, which is the reason for increase in its retail price, fixed in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995.Imports of drugs and pharmaceuticals are made in accordance with the prevailing Exim Policy.